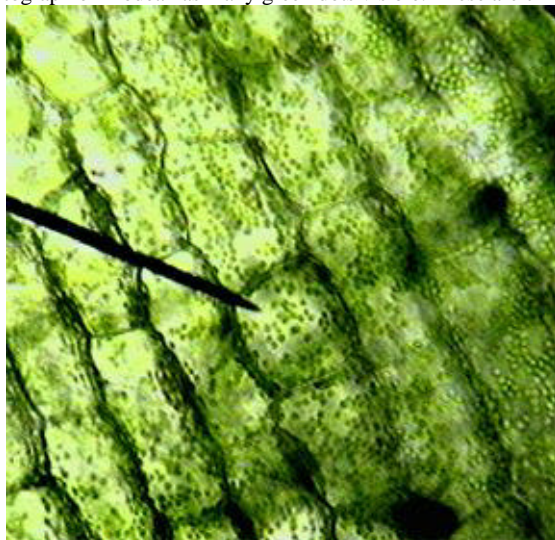


A **chloroplast** is found in plant cells, but not in animal cells. Chloroplasts are oval-shaped, green structures usually containing chlorophyll, a green pigment. They use the sun's energy to make food for the plant through a process called photosynthesis. The photograph at the right was taken of Elodea, a water plant. All of the darker spots in the cell are chloroplasts!



The photograph of Elodea has many green dots visible. These are chloroplasts.



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